

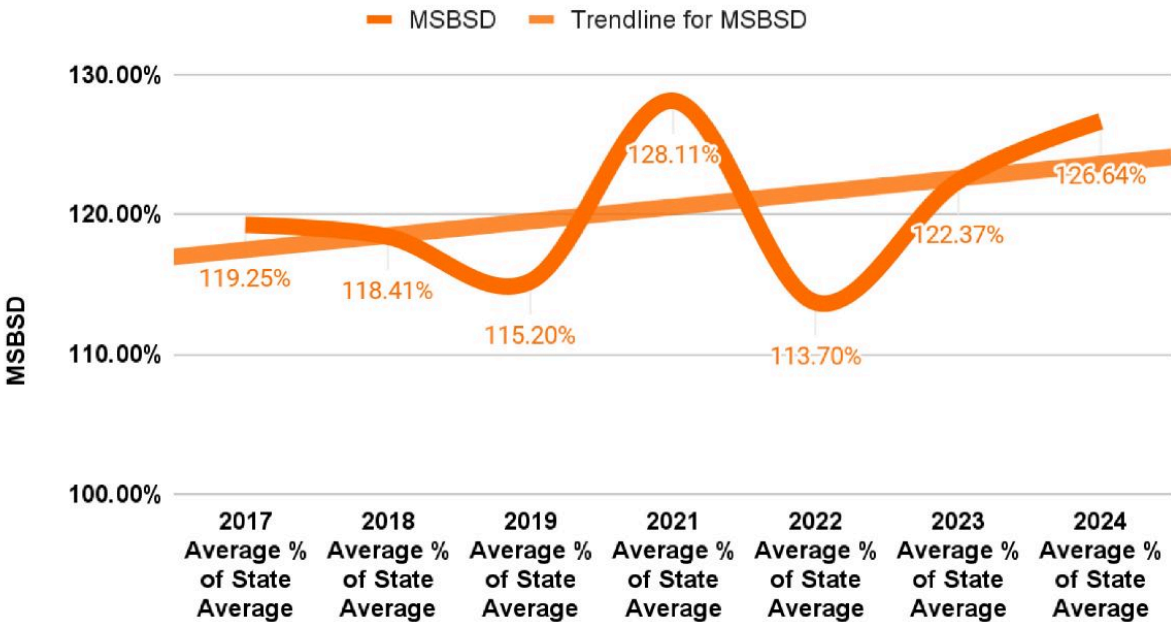
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Dear Staff,

I wanted to take a moment to share some positive data with you, which I recently presented to our School Board and Borough Assembly. This success is a direct result of your hard work and dedication as MSBSD educators. In the next six graphs, you'll see the combined efforts of thousands of MSBSD team members working hard to help students excel! Behind the picture painted in each of these images are countless hours of effort, leadership, collective efficacy, and dedication from across the district. I am fortunate to visit every school in our district, and wherever I go, I see your hands on the metaphorical flywheel of academic achievement, pushing it faster and faster. I want to thank you all for embracing the challenge of transforming a good school district into a great one!

This first image captures the combined average of our state testing in all grades compared to the same average each year for the State of Alaska. Over this period, the state test has changed multiple times, including increased expectations for all learners. But as you can see from the steady orange trend line, MSBSD is outpacing the state. In 2021, when we were one of the few districts that remained open, our students did remarkably well compared to those who were not in school. However, this was not a one-time anomaly. In fact, MSBSD has posted the highest scores among the Big 5 districts in the last two rounds of the more challenging AK STAR tests. The work you all have done to achieve this is truly commendable!

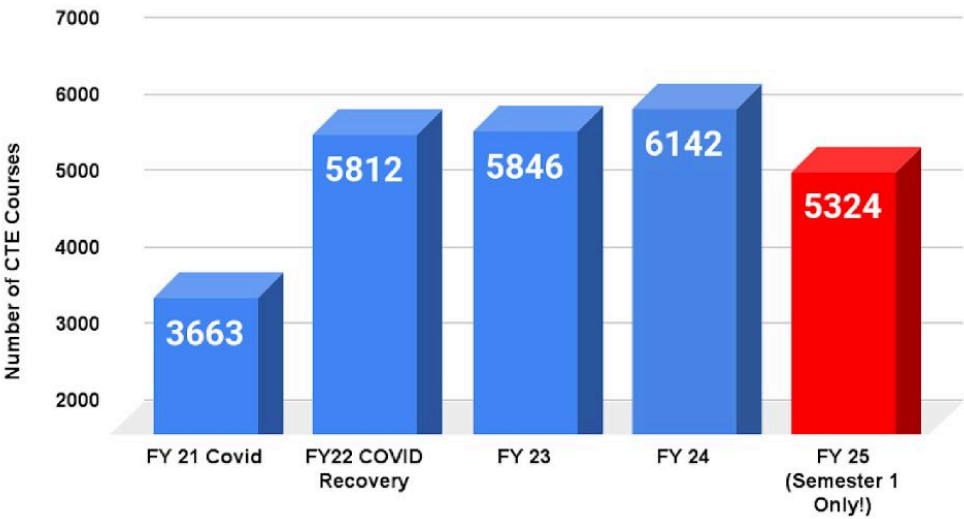
MSBSD % of State Average on State Testing



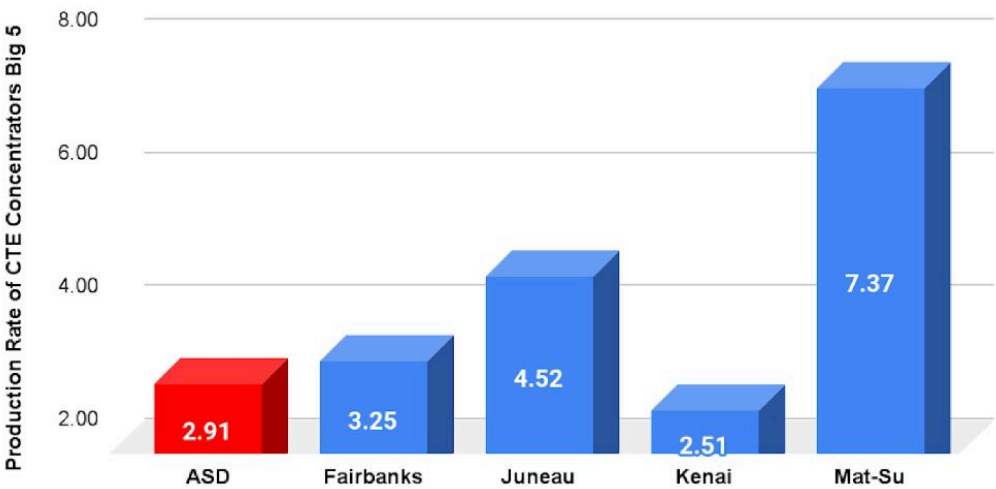
These two data sets capture the collective efforts of thousands of educators to give students the ability to choose from multiple paths after they graduate from high school. Our district is not CTE **or** College Prep. It is a CTE **AND** College Prep district.

We understand that students who take CTE courses and become CTE concentrators, by completing two or more courses including at least one at the technical level, achieve a graduation rate exceeding 98%. To support this, we have focused on increasing the number of students pursuing CTE courses and becoming CTE concentrators. As you'll see in the upcoming series of graphs, these students are also taking college preparatory courses simultaneously. Our district leads the state in producing CTE concentrators!

Number of CTE Courses at MSBSD

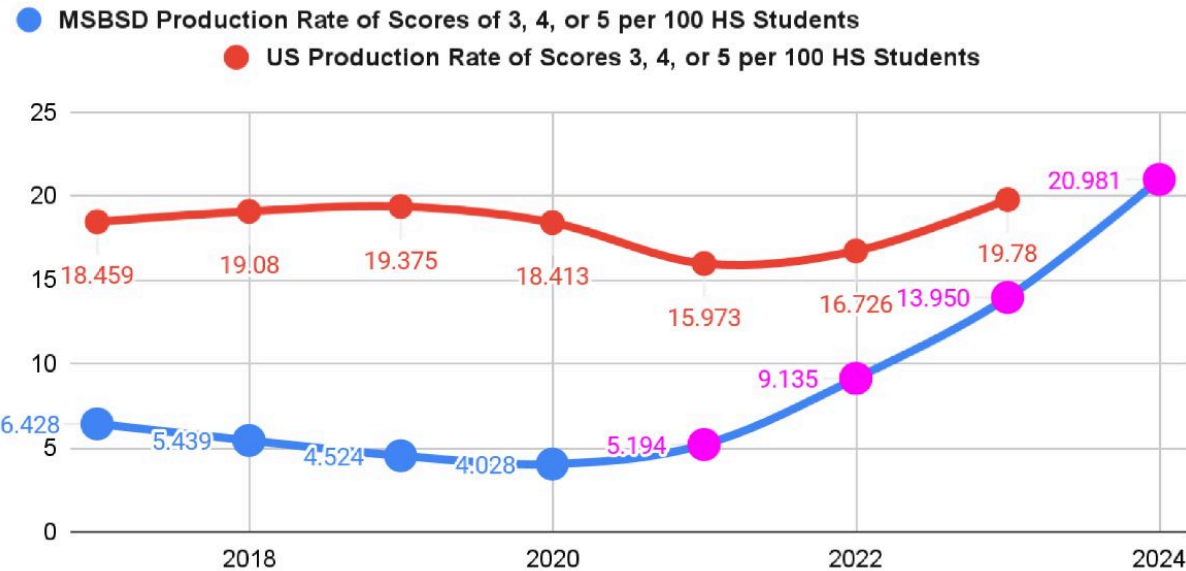


Production Rate of CTE Concentrators Big 5 22-23 Per 100 High School Students

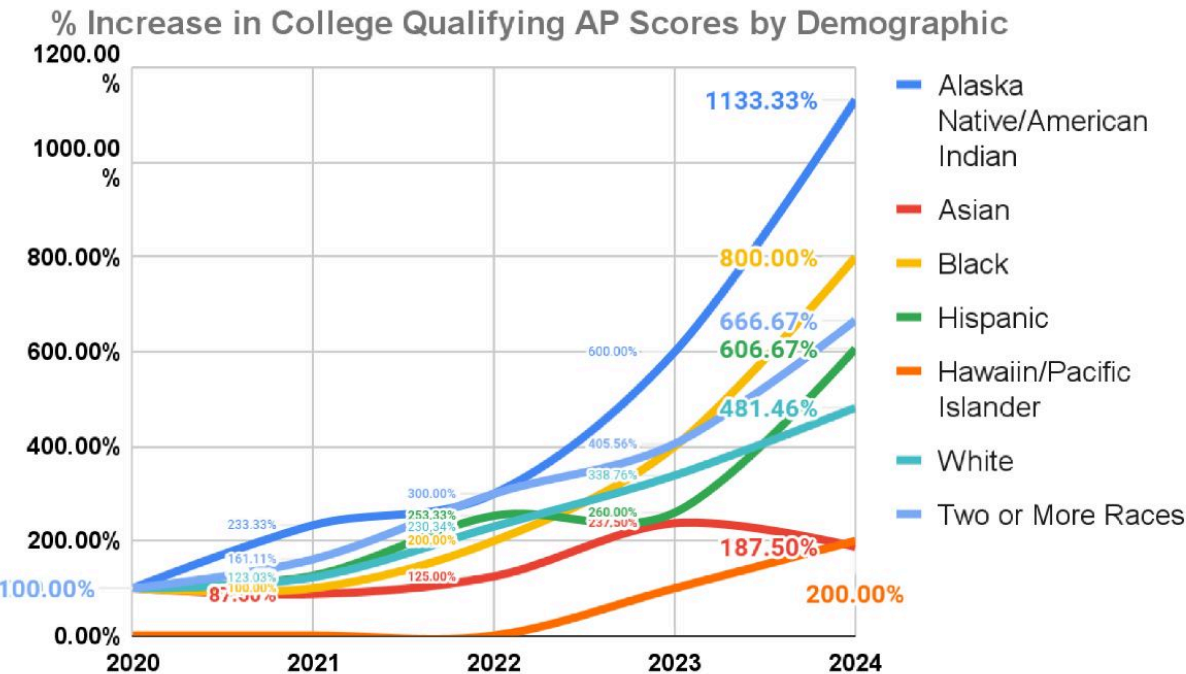


This fourth image is a measure of the number of college credit qualifying AP scores per 100 high school students in our district compared to the rest of the country. Our system is now producing more than five times as many college-qualifying scores as it did in 2020, and we are on track to surpass the national average for the first time in decades. (National data will be finalized in October, but it has never been above 20 scores per 100 students.) The growth you have produced for students is amazing!

MSBSD vs U.S. Production Rate of AP Scores of 3, 4, or 5 per 100 Students

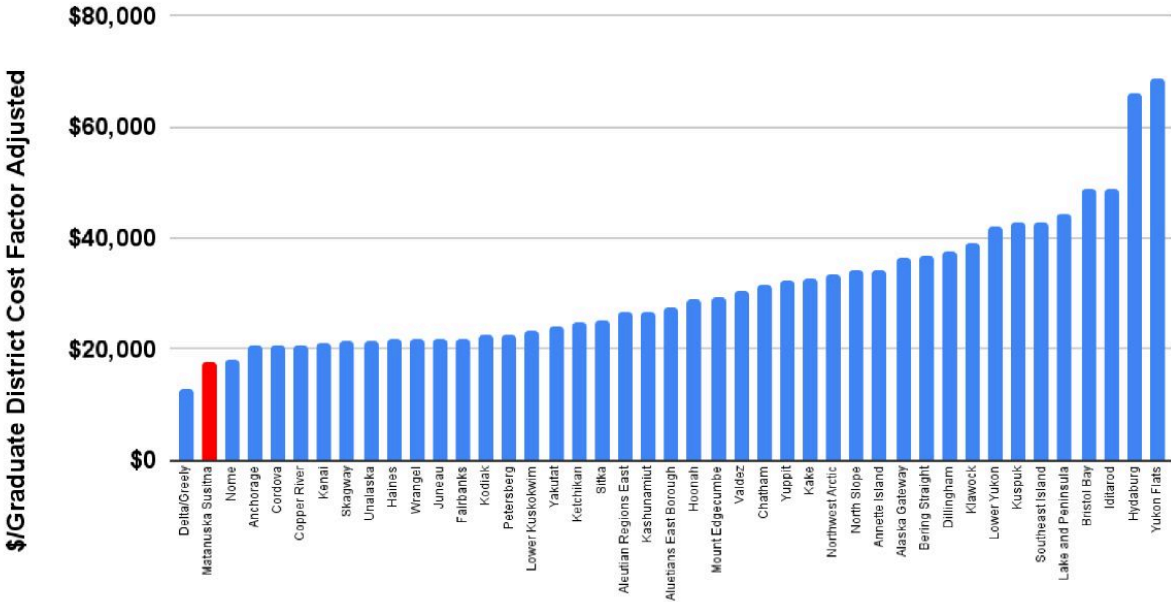


This graph breaks down the increase in academic achievement as measured by percent increase of college qualifying scores of our high school students by race over the time period from 2020-2024. This type of change in achievement level is not commonplace. Of all the data sets I share, I believe this one best captures the collective efficacy you all have as educators: that 'ALL students can learn at high levels!' Thank you for believing in all of our students.



Finally, this image demonstrates the incredible efficiency of our K-12 system in producing graduates. Our primary charge is to give as many students as possible a robust K-12 experience that results in on-time graduation. Further, we are entrusted with using public dollars to produce this achievement and I am happy to report that, once again, we are one of the most cost-efficient districts in producing on-time graduates.

\$/Graduate District Cost Factor Adjusted vs. District 22-23



During transformational change, organizations need to stop and celebrate the wins along the path to greatness. There are certainly bright spots everywhere in our district that warrant celebrations. Please take a moment to congratulate one another on the transformative change you are manifesting on behalf of MSBSD kids. I look forward to seeing what you all can do as we continue to work on not just being a good school district, and not just being a great school district, but being one of the very best in the nation!

With sincere thanks and admiration for your work,

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